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REFER TO FILE: **WM-6**

July 14, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL
ADVISORY ELECTION IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA
REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY OR
ANNEXATION TO THE EXISTING FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the enclosed Resolution to call a special advisory election to be held on November 8, 2005, in consolidation with all other elections held on that date. The advisory election will consist of two measures, the results of which would indicate whether the property owners of that portion of Antelope Valley not currently served by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) support: (1) the formation of a new flood control district, or (2) the annexation of the area into the existing District in order to provide flood protection.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In 1915, the District was established by the State Legislature to address flood control and water conservation concerns for a portion of the County of Los Angeles. The legal description of the District is as follows:

A portion of the County of Los Angeles lying south of the north line of Township 5 North, San Bernardino base line and meridian, excepting therefrom the islands of Santa Catalina and San Clemente, and the islands off the coast included in the County of Los Angeles. The northern boundary of the District parallels the alignment of Avenue S in Antelope Valley and is approximately 18 miles south of the northern County line.

During the formation of the District, the area north of Avenue S was excluded from the District due to the rural nature of the area, the lack of appreciable potential benefit, and the historically minimal amount of flood-related damage. This area is now made up of the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster as well as large portions of unincorporated territory. Development of the area has increased rapidly since the 1980s with a current population of approximately 400,000 people.

To address drainage issues created by the development in the absence of a coordinated regional flood control district, the County prepared a Comprehensive Plan of Flood Control and Water Conservation for Antelope Valley, which was approved by your Board in 1987. The plan required new subdivisions in County unincorporated areas to pay an impact fee that would eventually fund design and construction of the plan's proposed infrastructure. The cost to implement the plan was estimated at over \$200 million in 1987 and would now cost over \$800 million. The fund is currently inadequate to construct any significant component of the original plan, because development slowed in the early 1990s and the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster incorporated large portions of the developable land.

This past storm season, there was severe damage to roads and private properties in the Cities and the unincorporated areas, which points out the remaining need for a coordinated regional means of providing flood protection. A flood control agency could serve to coordinate, fund, build, operate, and maintain a drainage system to meet flood protection needs.

Previous discussions among leaders in Antelope Valley questioned whether such an agency could be established by expanding the existing flood control district north to the County line or forming a new separate flood control district. The results of this special

advisory election will guide us in determining if we should go forward with either of these options which, in either case, would also entail creating a source of funds (including compliance with all applicable Proposition 218 procedures) at a later date.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides the public an opportunity to vote on their preference regarding establishment of a flood control agency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The impact to the County General Fund is expected to be at least \$100,000 to conduct the advisory election.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution has been reviewed by County Counsel and approved as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it will not have a direct or indirect physical impact to the environment as stated in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

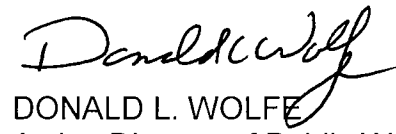
There would be no adverse impact on current services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Registrar-Recorder

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR
AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2005, AND CONSOLIDATING THE
SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2005

WHEREAS, the serious effects of rainstorms in Antelope Valley have given the County reason to consider additional flood control solutions throughout Antelope Valley, in the absence of a funded and coordinated regional agency; and

WHEREAS, Public Works has identified that there are presently two alternatives to create such an agency in Antelope Valley, namely the formation of a new Antelope Valley Flood Control District or the annexation of Antelope Valley to the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that the County obtain input from the property owners of Antelope Valley so that the County understands the opinions of these property owners on the flood control options available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary and essential to submit the two advisory questions concerning the formation of a new Antelope Valley Flood Control District or the annexation of Antelope Valley to the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District to obtain input from the residents of Antelope Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors requests to hold the special advisory election on the regularly scheduled election date of November 8, 2005, and to consolidate such advisory vote election with the other elections to be held on that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

Section 1. Call of Election and Purpose. A special advisory election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the County on the 8th day of November 2005, for the purpose of submitting to the property owners of Antelope Valley two separate advisory vote questions regarding proposals relating to flood control in Antelope Valley.

Section 2. Ballot Propositions. The two advisory vote questions relating to flood control in Antelope Valley shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

Advisory Vote Only

Do you support the formation of a new Antelope Valley Flood Control District, which would take three to four years to form at an ongoing average annual property assessment currently estimated to be approximately \$150 to \$200 per lot?	<div data-bbox="852 415 1209 451">Yes <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="852 487 1209 522">No <input type="checkbox"/></div>
Do you support the annexation of Antelope Valley to the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District, which would take two to three years to annex at an ongoing average annual property assessment currently estimated to be approximately \$125 to \$175 per lot?	<div data-bbox="852 636 1209 672">Yes <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="852 707 1209 743">No <input type="checkbox"/></div>

Section 3. Voting Area. The voting area for the first advisory measure, pertaining to a new Antelope Valley Flood Control District, is depicted in the boundary map attached hereto as Exhibit A. The voting area for the second advisory measure, pertaining to annexation of Antelope Valley to the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District, is depicted in the boundary map attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Section 4. Proclamation. Pursuant to Section 12001 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaims that a special advisory election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, to vote upon the two advisory measures. The polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Section 5. Election Procedure. All qualified voters residing within the areas depicted, as identified in Exhibits A and B, shall be permitted to vote in the election for the purpose of allowing said voters to voice their opinions on the substantive flood control issues described herein, and in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held as nearly as practicable in conformity with the Elections Code of the State of California. The votes cast for and against each question shall be separately counted, but shall in no manner be controlling on the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Election Code §9603.

Section 7. Authority. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Section 12001 of the Elections Code and Section 25201 of the Government Code. The Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is ordered to file a copy of this Resolution with the Registrar Recorder at least eighty-eight (88) days prior to the day of the election.

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The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____ 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and Ex officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

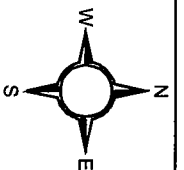
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy



EXHIBIT A - ANTELOPE VALLEY - NEW FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT



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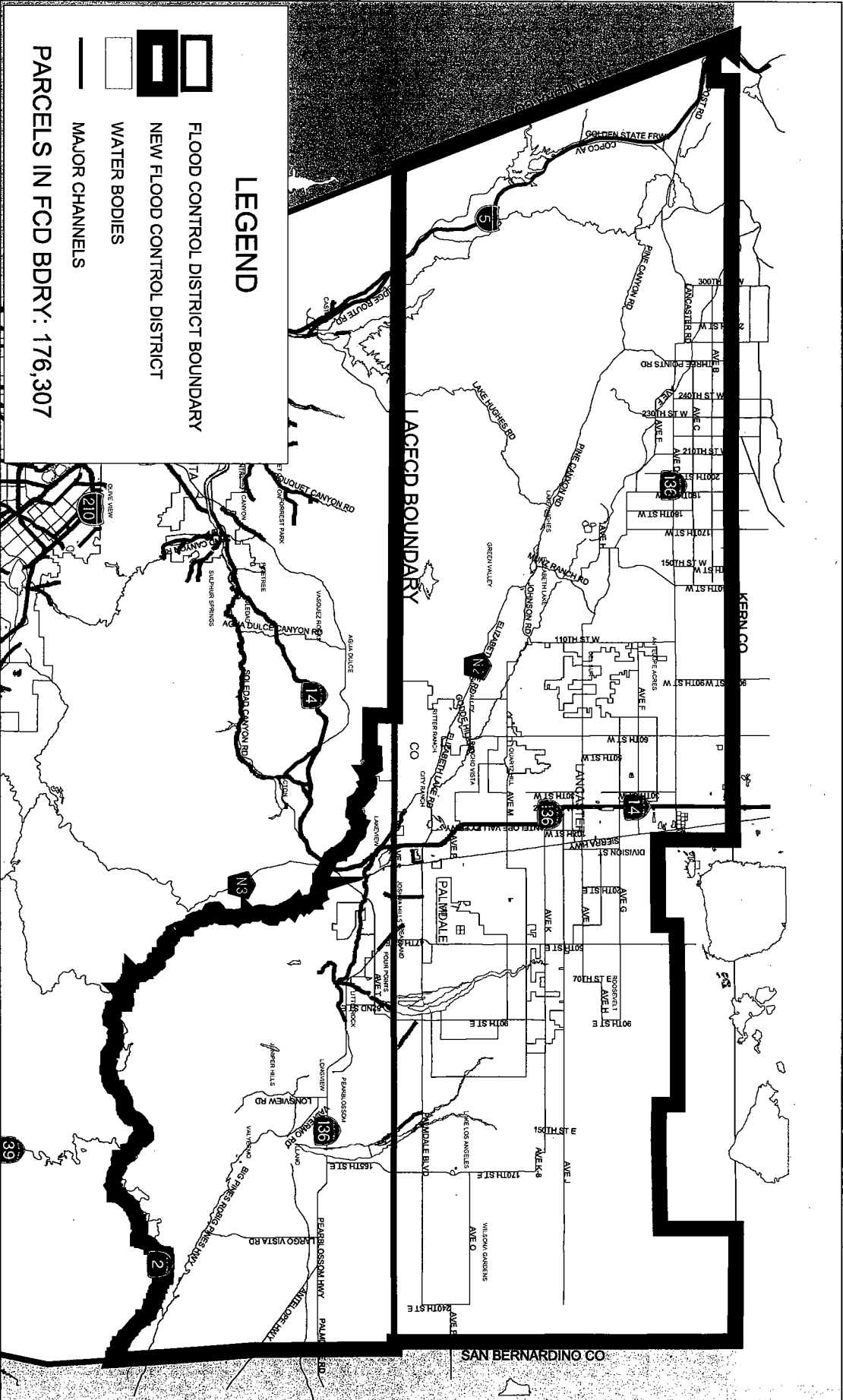
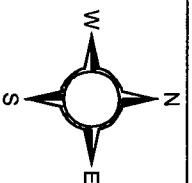
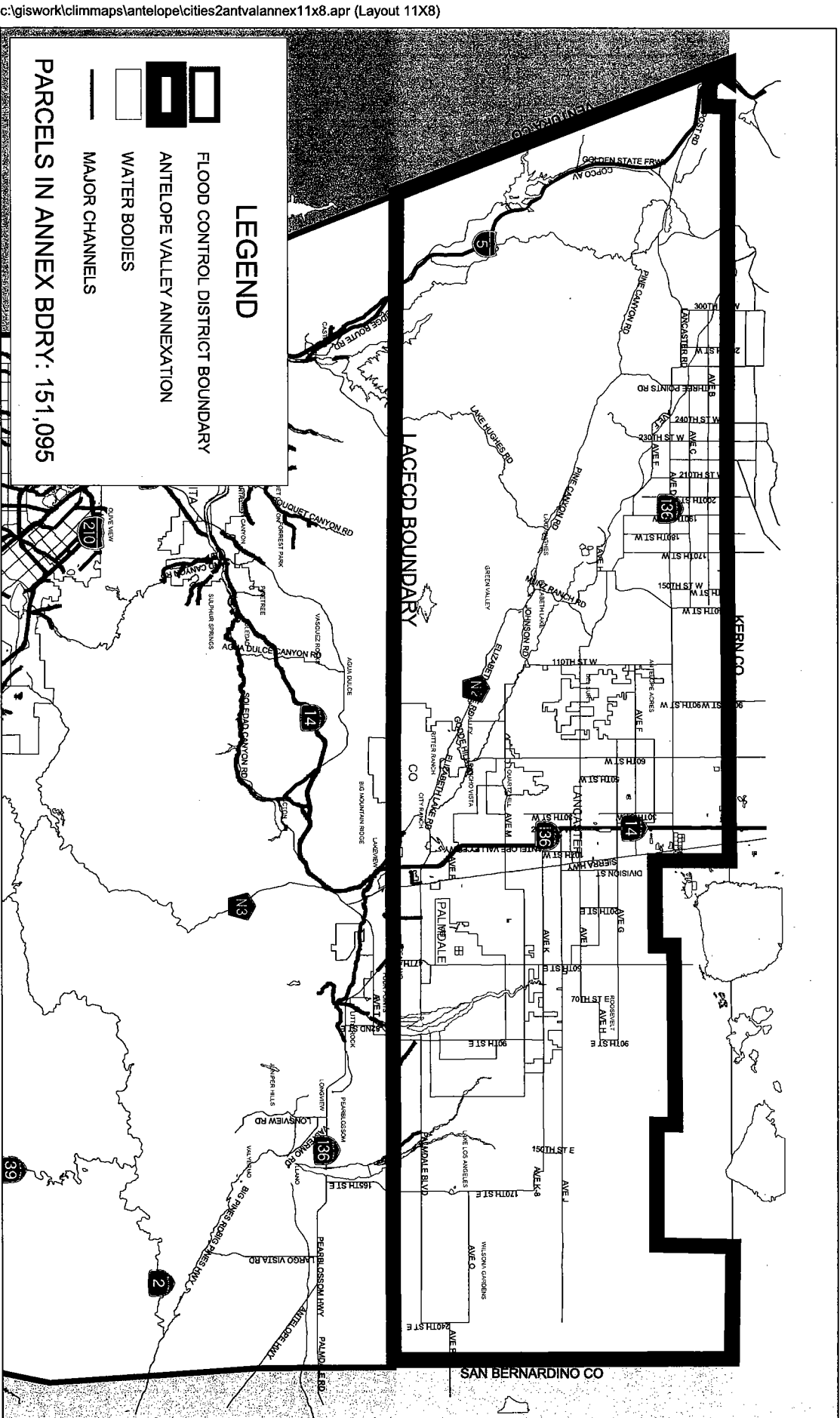




EXHIBIT B - ANTELOPE VALLEY - ANNEXATION



1 INCH = 7.5 MILES



LEGEND

- FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- ANTELOPE VALLEY ANNEXATION
- WATER BODIES
- MAJOR CHANNELS

PARCELS IN ANNEX BDRY: 151,095